

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, February 23, 2006.

Met according to adjournment, at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Petrucci of Boston in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Prayer was offered by the Reverend Robert F. Quinn, C.S.P., Chaplain of the House, as follows:

Prayer.

God of goodness and truth we pause for a moment of prayer, to turn our thoughts to You and to pray for Your guidance and peace. In this era of terrorist activities and threats, we ask that our minds and hearts be filled with Your gift of peace and that Your peace will become a reality in our troubled world. Your presence enables us to recognize the dignity of each person to reason clearly and to hold in the highest esteem both human and spiritual values. Help us to follow Your guidelines for a successful and meaningful life as we carry out our daily responsibilities and activities.

Grant Your blessings to the Speaker, the members and employees of this House and their families. Amen.

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Petrucci), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Jason J.-L. Zandrow.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Kafka of Stoughton) congratulating Jason J.-L. Zandrow of Sharon on earning the rank of Eagle Scout;

Doris Holmes.

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Nyman of Hanover and Webster of Hanson) congratulating Doris Holmes on the occasion of her one hundredth birthday;

Matthew Christian Adams.

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. O'Brien of Kingston and Webster of Hanson) congratulating Matthew Christian Adams on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Benjamin Douglass Alexander.

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. O'Brien of Kingston and Webster of Hanson) congratulating Benjamin Douglass Alexander on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

William Flanders Cleveland.

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. O'Brien of Kingston and Webster of Hanson) congratulating William Flanders Cleveland on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Brett Eno.

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. O'Brien of Kingston and deMacedo of Plymouth) congratulating Brett Eno on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Jeffrey William Gladney.

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. O'Brien of Kingston and Webster of Hanson) congratulating Jeffrey William Gladney on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Joshua Souza.

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. O'Brien of Kingston and deMacedo of Plymouth) congratulating Joshua Souza on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. O'Brien of Kingston and Webster of Hanson) congratulating Daniel Barr Thompson on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America; and

Daniel Barr Thompson.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Speliotis of Danvers and Spiliotis of Peabody) congratulating the Saint Vasilios Church of Peabody on the occasion of its one hundredth anniversary;

Saint Vasilios Church.

Mrs. Parente of Milford, for the committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Walsh of Lynn, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Papers from the Senate.

A Bill supporting access and excellence in public higher education (Senate, No. 2380) (on Senate bill No. 2364), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Higher education.

A Bill relative to standards for protection headgear for operators or passengers on motorcycles (Senate, No. 1344, amended by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2368) (on a petition), passed to be engrossed by the Senate was read; and it was referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Motorcycles, headgear.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committee on Rules, on the Order relative to authorizing the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture to make an investigation and study of certain Senate and House documents concerning environmental issues (House, No. 4692) reported, in part, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1276) of Anne M. Gobi that the Department of Environmental Protection be directed to reinstate the moratorium on the siting and permitting of solid waste landfills,— and recommending that the same be recommitted to the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted.

Landfills, siting.

By Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committee on Rules, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the Bill relative to early education and care (House, No. 4582),— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Ways and Means. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted.

Early education care.

By Mr. Donato of Medford, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, asking to be discharged from further consideration

Of the Bill relative to the election of town meeting member in the town of Burlington (House, No. 4556, changed); and

Burlington, town meeting.

Workplace,  
language  
restrictions.

Of the Bill opposing unnecessary language restrictions in the workplace (House, No. 4640);

And recommending that the same severally be referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted.

*Engrossed Bill.*

Bill  
enacted.

The engrossed Bill designating the Attleboro District Courthouse as the James H. Sullivan Courthouse (see House, No. 842) (which originated in the House), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

*Orders of the Day.*

Third  
reading  
bill.

The Senate Bill further regulating the Barnstable County Septic Loan Program (Senate, No. 2247, changed) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading), reported by said committee to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

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The House Bill authorizing the town of Brookline to lease certain town owned land (House, No. 4113), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

*Recess.*

Recess.

At thirteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Walsh of Lynn (Mr. Petrucci of Boston being in the Chair), the House recessed until a quarter before twelve o'clock noon; and eleven minutes after twelve o'clock the House was called to order with Mr. Petrucci in the Chair.

*Order.*

Next  
sitting.

On motion of Mr. DiMasi of Boston,—  
*Ordered*, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

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At twelve minutes after twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Torrisi of North Andover (Mr. Petrucci of Boston being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.